

AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____

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(Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003)

Strike titles I and II (relating to Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit and Medicare Enhanced fee-for-service and Medicare Advantage; Medicare Competition) and insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **TITLE I—ESTABLISHMENT OF**
2 **MEDICARE PREMIUM SUPPORT**
3 **SYSTEM**

4 **SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICARE PREMIUM**
5 **SUPPORT SYSTEM.**

6 The Social Security Act is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 “TITLE XXII—ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICARE
9 PREMIUM SUPPORT SYSTEM

10 **“SEC. 2200. CONSTRUCTION; REFERENCES; GENERAL**
11 **DEFINITIONS.**

12 “(a) CONSTRUCTION OF TITLE.—The provisions of this
13 title shall be construed to modify and supersede the provisions
14 and operation of title XVIII to the extent such provisions are
15 inconsistent with the provisions of this title.

16 “(b) REFERENCES TO MEDICARE PROVISIONS.—Any ref-
17 erence in any law or regulation (other than in this title) to any
18 provision of title XVIII is deemed a reference to such provision
19 as modified through the operation of this title.

20 “(c) DEFINITIONS RELATING TO MEDICARE PLANS.—

21 “(1) MEDICARE PLAN.—The term ‘Medicare plan’
22 means a health benefits plan which the Secretary permits
23 to be offered by an entity that is licensed under State law

1 to provide health benefits plans in the State involved to
2 Medicare beneficiaries under this title.

3 “(2) HIGH OPTION MEDICARE PLAN.—The term ‘high
4 option Medicare plan’ means a Medicare plan that includes
5 stop loss coverage consistent with section 2202(b).

6 “(3) STANDARD MEDICARE PLAN.—The term ‘stand-
7 ard Medicare plan’ means a Medicare plan that is not a
8 high option Medicare plan.

9 “(4) FEHBP.—The term ‘FEHBP’ means the Fed-
10 eral Employees Health Benefits program under chapter 89
11 of title 5, United States Code.

12 “(d) OTHER GENERAL DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of
13 this title:

14 “(1) MEDICARE BENEFICIARY.—The term ‘Medicare
15 beneficiary’ means an individual entitled to benefits under
16 part A of title XVIII, enrolled for benefits under part B
17 of such title, or both.

18 “(2) MEDICARE TRUST FUND.—The term ‘Medicare
19 Trust Fund’ means such trust fund as established under
20 section 2211.

21 “PART A—PREMIUM SUPPORT SYSTEM

22 **“SEC. 2201. OFFERING OF BENEFITS THROUGH MEDI-**
23 **CARE PLANS.**

24 “(a) ELECTION OF COVERAGE THROUGH A MEDICARE
25 PLAN.—

26 “(1) CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT TO MEDICARE BENE-
27 FITS.—Effective January 1, 2008, in accordance with this
28 title, Medicare beneficiaries shall continue to be entitled to
29 receive benefits under title XVIII (as modified by this title)
30 and with respect to medicare beneficiaries first eligible for
31 benefits on or after January 1, 2008, shall only receive
32 such benefits through enrollment in a Medicare plan.

33 “(2) ELECTION FOR CERTAIN MEDICARE BENE-
34 FICIARIES TO RETAIN CURRENT MEDICARE BENEFITS PRO-
35 GRAM.—In the case of a medicare beneficiary who was first
36 eligible for benefits under title XVIII before January 1,
37 2008, such beneficiaries may make a one-time, irrevocable

1 election, in a form and manner determined by the Sec-
2 retary to continue to receive benefits for items and services
3 for which payment may be made under title XVIII.

4 “(3) ENROLLMENT PROCESS.—The Secretary shall es-
5 tablish a process for the enrollment of Medicare bene-
6 ficiaries under Medicare plans that is based, except as the
7 Secretary may provide, upon the process for enrollment for
8 health plans under FEHBP, including provision of infor-
9 mation and open enrollment and disenrollment opportuni-
10 ties.

11 “(4) CONTRACT PERIOD.—Each contract under this
12 part with an entity offering a Medicare plan shall be for
13 a term of at least 2 years, as determined by the Secretary,
14 and may be made automatically renewable from term to
15 term in the absence of notice by either party of intention
16 to terminate at the end of the current term.

17 “(5) PLAN PERIOD.—The plan period for a Medicare
18 plan offered by an entity with a contract under paragraph
19 (4) shall be a term of 2 years.

20 “(b) BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS AND OTHER QUALIFICA-
21 TIONS FOR MEDICARE PLANS.—In order to be offered as a
22 Medicare plan under this part, except as provided in this title,
23 the plan and the entity offering the plan shall meet the require-
24 ments applicable to health benefits plans and qualified carriers
25 under FEHBP, including—

26 “(1) the offering and scope of benefits;

27 “(2) protections for beneficiaries enrolled in the plans;

28 and

29 “(3) requirements for financial solvency.

30 “(c) SELECTION OF PLANS.—

31 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each plan period
32 under subsection (a)(5), a medicare beneficiary shall be
33 deemed to have elected to remain enrolled in the medicare
34 plan in which the beneficiary was enrolled during the prior
35 plan period.

36 “(2) DEFAULT.—In the case of a medicare beneficiary
37 who fails to enroll in a medicare plan for a plan period, the

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1 Secretary shall provide for enrollment of the beneficiary
2 under a medicare plan offered in the State in which the
3 beneficiary resides that the Secretary determines to be ap-
4 propriate.

5 “(d) EXCLUSIVE PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—Except as
6 provided in subsection (a)(2) and other provisions of this title,
7 for items and services furnished on or after January 1, 2008—

8 “(1) payment to an entity offering a Medicare plan in
9 the amounts provided under this title shall be instead of
10 any amounts that may be otherwise payable under title
11 XVIII; and

12 “(2) only the entity offering the Medicare plan is eligi-
13 ble to receive payment for items and services under such
14 title.

15 **“SEC. 2202. STANDARD AND HIGH OPTION MEDICARE**
16 **PLANS.**

17 “(a) BENEFITS UNDER STANDARD PLANS.—Subject to
18 section 2203(b)(2), the Secretary may approve benefits sub-
19 mitted under section 2203(a)(1) with respect to a standard
20 plan only if the plan include benefits for the items and services
21 described in subsection (d).

22 “(b) BENEFITS UNDER HIGH OPTION PLANS.—The Sec-
23 retary may approve the benefits submitted under section
24 2203(a)(1) with respect to a high option Medicare plan only if
25 the plan includes benefits required for a standard plan under
26 subsection (a) and also includes—

27 “(1) rates of beneficiary deductible, cost-sharing, and
28 coinsurance requirements that are lower than such rates
29 applicable under standard plans under subsection (a); and

30 “(2) stop-loss coverage benefits that are designed to
31 limit the application of beneficiary cost-sharing for covered
32 benefits in a year after incurring out-of-pocket covered ex-
33 penditures that exceed a limit applicable to health benefits
34 plans under FEHBP.

35 “(c) REQUIREMENT TO OFFER HIGH OPTION MEDICARE
36 PLAN.—The Secretary may not approve the offering of a
37 standard Medicare plan by an entity under this title in an area

1 unless the entity also offers a high option Medicare plan in that
2 area that the Secretary approves under this title.

3 “(d) BENEFITS DESCRIBED.—For purposes of this part, a
4 Medicare plan shall provide for coverage for the following items
5 and services that are medically necessary and appropriate:

6 “(1) Hospital services, including inpatient, outpatient,
7 and 24-hour a day emergency services.

8 “(2) Services of health professionals, such as physi-
9 cians services and services that would be physicians services
10 if furnished by a physician but are provided by any other
11 licensed health care professional.

12 “(3) Emergency and ambulatory medical and surgical
13 services furnished by a facility that is not a hospital.

14 “(4) Clinical preventive services.

15 “(5) Services for pregnant women.

16 “(6) Hospice care.

17 “(7) Home health care and home infusion drug ther-
18 apy services.

19 “(8) Extended care services, as defined in section
20 1861(h).

21 “(9) Ambulance services, including ground, air, and
22 water transportation, as appropriate.

23 “(10) Outpatient laboratory, radiology, and diagnostic
24 services.

25 “(11) Outpatient prescription drugs and biologicals.

26 “(12) Outpatient rehabilitation services, including out-
27 patient occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech
28 pathology services.

29 “(13) Durable medical equipment and prosthetic and
30 orthotic devices.

31 “(14) Vision care, to the same extent such services are
32 a covered benefit under title XVIII as of the date of the
33 enactment of this Act.

34 “(e) SCOPE OF BENEFITS.—Each Medicare plan shall es-
35 tablish the scope of benefits applicable under the plan, subject
36 to approval by the Secretary, including the scope of outpatient
37 prescription drugs under the plan, any formulary restrictions

1 for such drugs, and any copayment structure under such for-
2 mulary (if any).

3 “(f) PAPERWORK REDUCTION.—Each Medicare plan shall
4 comply with the provisions of part C of title XI, relating to ad-
5 ministrative simplification and paperwork reduction with re-
6 spect to health care transactions for health care providers sub-
7 mitting claims to health plans.

8 “(g) LICENSURE.—Each entity offering a Medicare plan
9 shall be licensed under State law to provide health benefits
10 plans in the State.

11 **“SEC. 2203. SUBMISSION OF BENEFIT PACKAGES AND**
12 **PREMIUM RATES FOR MEDICARE PLANS.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each entity that intends to offer a
14 Medicare plan in a year (beginning with 2008) in a State shall
15 submit to the Secretary, at such time (before the beginning of
16 each open enrollment period for each year) and in such manner
17 as the Secretary specifies, such information as the Secretary
18 may require to carry out title XVIII (as modified by this title).
19 Such information shall include information on each of the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(1) BENEFITS.—A description of the benefits under
22 the plan.

23 “(2) PREMIUM BID.—The premium proposed to be
24 charged for enrollment under the plan.

25 “(b) REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY SECRETARY.—

26 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall review the
27 benefits and premium bids submitted under subsection (a).

28 “(2) AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE.—The Secretary may
29 negotiate with the entities offering such plans regarding
30 such terms and conditions but may approve such a submis-
31 sion only if the Secretary finds that it complies with the
32 requirements of this section and section 2202. The terms
33 and conditions with respect to which the Secretary may ne-
34 gotiate include—

35 “(A) the scope of benefits offered under the plan;

36 “(B) the premium bid for the benefits so offered;

37 and

1 “(C) the assumptions of the entities offering the
2 plan with respect to cost, risk, geographic variation,
3 and projected number of enrollees.

4 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR HIGH OPTION MEDICARE
5 PLANS.—If information is submitted to establish that a
6 Medicare plan is a high option Medicare plan, the Sec-
7 retary shall determine whether or not the plan meets the
8 requirements to be a high option Medicare plan.

9 “(4) BENEFIT APPROVAL.—Subject to section 2202,
10 the following applies to approval by the Secretary of bene-
11 fits submitted under subsection (a)(1):

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may approve
13 benefits submitted under subsection (a)(1) only if the
14 benefits are not designed in such a manner that the
15 Secretary finds that it is likely to result in favorable se-
16 lection of beneficiaries.

17 “(B) VARIATION IN COST-SHARING.—For purposes
18 of meeting the requirement of section 2202, the Sec-
19 retary shall permit reasonable variation in cost-sharing
20 so long as actuarial equivalence of total cost-sharing for
21 the benefits described in such section is maintained.
22 Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed as
23 preventing a Medicare plan from providing, as an addi-
24 tional benefit, a lower level of cost-sharing from that
25 otherwise described in title XVIII (as modified by this
26 title).

27 “(5) PREMIUM APPROVAL.—The Secretary may ap-
28 prove premiums submitted under subsection (a)(2) only if
29 the Secretary finds that the premium rates are adequate in
30 terms of actuarial soundness to assure the financial sol-
31 vency of the entity offering the plan.

32 “(6) STATEWIDE SERVICE AREA.—

33 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-
34 paragraph (B), for purposes of this title, a State shall
35 be the service area for a Medicare plan.

36 “(B) DISCRETION TO ESTABLISH MULTISTATE
37 AREAS.—If the Secretary determines that medicare

1 plans will not be offered in a State for a plan period,
2 the Secretary may provide for a multistate service area
3 to ensure the offering of such plans in such State dur-
4 ing such plan period.

5 “(c) PROVIDING INFORMATION TO PROMOTE INFORMED
6 CHOICE.—The Secretary shall provide for activities to broadly
7 disseminate information to medicare beneficiaries (and prospec-
8 tive medicare beneficiaries) on the coverage options under
9 medicare plans provided under this title in order to promote an
10 active, informed selection among such options.

11 **“SEC. 2204. GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD**
12 **COVERAGE AND BENEFICIARY PREMIUM.**

13 “(a) PREMIUM SUPPORT PAYMENT BY GOVERNMENT.—
14 Except as provided in subsection (d), the amount of payment
15 to an entity offering a Medicare plan in a State for a Medicare
16 beneficiary (other than a qualified low-income Medicare bene-
17 ficiary, as defined in section 2115(a)) residing in the State who
18 is enrolled in the plan for a year is equal to the bid amount
19 determined or negotiated, as the case may be, by the Secretary
20 under section 2203.

21 “(b) COMPUTATION AND COLLECTION OF BENEFICIARY
22 PREMIUM.—

23 “(1) COMPUTATION OF TOTAL BENEFICIARY PRE-
24 MIUM.—

25 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section,
26 the amount of the total beneficiary premium for a
27 Medicare beneficiary enrolled in a Medicare plan is
28 equal 30 percent (or in the case of an individual to
29 whom subsection (c) applies, the means-tested premium
30 percentage determined under such subsection) of the
31 amount of payment to the entity offering the Medicare
32 plan under subsection (a).

33 “(B) NO APPLICATION TO QUALIFIED LOW-IN-
34 COME MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.—For provisions re-
35 lating to computation of beneficiary premiums for
36 qualified low-income Medicare beneficiaries, see section
37 2205(b).

1 “(2) COLLECTION OF AMOUNT IN SAME MANNER AS
2 PART B PREMIUM.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the total bene-
4 ficiary premium under paragraph (1) shall be paid to
5 the Medicare Trust Fund in the same manner as
6 monthly premiums under part B of title XVIII were
7 payable to the credit of the Federal Supplementary
8 Medical Insurance Trust Fund under section 1840 (as
9 in effect as of the date of the enactment of this title).

10 “(B) COLLECTION.—In order to carry out sub-
11 paragraph (A), the Secretary shall transmit to the
12 Commissioner of Social Security—

13 “(i) at the beginning of each year, information
14 on the name, social security account number, and
15 the total beneficiary premium owed by each indi-
16 vidual enrolled in a Medicare plan for months in
17 the year; and

18 “(ii) periodically throughout the year, informa-
19 tion to update the information previously trans-
20 mitted under this subparagraph during the year.

21 “(c) MEANS-TESTED PREMIUM PERCENTAGE.—

22 “(1) INCREASE IN PREMIUM AMOUNT.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B),
24 in the case of an Medicare beneficiary whose modified
25 adjusted gross income for a taxable year ending with
26 or within a calendar year (as initially determined by
27 the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2)) is
28 equal to or greater than 300 percent of the official pov-
29 erty line (referred to in section 1905(p)(2)(A)), the
30 Secretary shall increase the amount of the total bene-
31 ficiary premium under subsection (b) for months in the
32 calendar year by 10 percent for each multiple of 100
33 percent by which such individual’s income exceeds 200
34 percent of such poverty line.

35 “(B) UPPER LIMIT ON PREMIUM AMOUNT.—In no
36 case may the application of subparagraph (A) result in
37 a premium contribution amount under subsection (b) of

1 greater than 70 percent of the amount of payment to
2 the entity offering the Medicare plan under subsection
3 (a).

4 “(2) DETERMINATION OF INCOME.—The Secretary
5 shall make an initial determination of the amount of an in-
6 dividual’s modified adjusted gross income for a taxable year
7 ending with or within a calendar year for purposes of this
8 subsection as follows:

9 “(A) SECRETARY’S ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT.—Not
10 later than September 1 of the year preceding the year,
11 the Secretary shall provide notice to each individual
12 whom the Secretary finds (on the basis of the individ-
13 ual’s actual modified adjusted gross income for the
14 most recent taxable year for which such information is
15 available or other information provided to the Secretary
16 by the Secretary of the Treasury) will be subject to an
17 increase under this subsection that the individual will
18 be subject to such an increase, and shall include in
19 such notice the Secretary’s estimate of the individual’s
20 modified adjusted gross income for the year.

21 “(B) MODIFICATION OF SECRETARY’S ESTI-
22 MATE.—If, during the 30-day period beginning on the
23 date notice is provided to an individual under subpara-
24 graph (A), the individual provides the Secretary with
25 information on the individual’s anticipated modified ad-
26 justed gross income for the year, the amount initially
27 determined by the Secretary under this paragraph with
28 respect to the individual shall be based on the informa-
29 tion provided by the individual.

30 “(C) DEFAULT INCOME AMOUNT.—If an indi-
31 vidual does not provide the Secretary with information
32 under subparagraph (B), the amount initially deter-
33 mined by the Secretary under this paragraph with re-
34 spect to the individual shall be the amount included in
35 the notice provided to the individual under subpara-
36 graph (A).

1 “(3) ADJUSTMENT OF PREMIUMS TO ACCOUNT FOR
2 MISESTIMATION.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines
4 (on the basis of final information provided by the Sec-
5 retary of the Treasury) that the amount of an individ-
6 ual’s actual modified adjusted gross income for a tax-
7 able year ending with or within a calendar year is less
8 than or greater than the amount initially determined by
9 the Secretary under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall
10 increase or decrease the amount of the individual’s
11 monthly premium under this section (as the case may
12 be) for months during the following calendar year by
13 an amount equal to $\frac{1}{12}$ of the difference between—

14 “(i) the total amount of all monthly premiums
15 paid by the individual under this section during the
16 previous calendar year; and

17 “(ii) the total amount of all such premiums
18 which would have been paid by the individual dur-
19 ing the previous calendar year if the amount of the
20 individual’s modified adjusted gross income initially
21 determined under paragraph (3) were equal to the
22 actual amount of the individual’s modified adjusted
23 gross income determined under this paragraph.

24 “(B) APPLICATION OF INTEREST CHARGE.—

25 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an indi-
26 vidual for whom the amount initially determined by
27 the Secretary under paragraph (3) is based on in-
28 formation provided by the individual under sub-
29 paragraph (B) of such paragraph, if the Secretary
30 determines under subparagraph (A) that the
31 amount of the individual’s actual modified adjusted
32 gross income for a taxable year is greater than the
33 amount initially determined under paragraph (3),
34 the Secretary shall increase the amount otherwise
35 determined for the year under subparagraph (A) by
36 interest in an amount equal to the sum of the

1 amounts determined under clause (ii) for each of
2 the months described in clause (ii).

3 “(ii) COMPUTATION OF INTEREST CHARGE.—
4 Interest shall be computed for any month in an
5 amount determined by applying the underpayment
6 rate established under section 6621 of the Internal
7 Revenue Code of 1986 (compounded daily) to any
8 portion of the difference between the amount ini-
9 tially determined under paragraph (3) and the
10 amount determined under subparagraph (A) for the
11 period beginning on the first day of the month be-
12 ginning after the individual provided information to
13 the Secretary under subparagraph (B) of para-
14 graph (3) and ending 30 days before the first
15 month for which the individual’s monthly premium
16 is increased under this paragraph.

17 “(iii) WAIVER OF INTEREST CHARGE.—Inter-
18 est shall not be imposed under this subparagraph
19 if the amount of the individual’s modified adjusted
20 gross income provided by the individual under sub-
21 paragraph (B) of paragraph (3) was not less than
22 the individual’s modified adjusted gross income de-
23 termined on the basis of information shown on the
24 return of tax imposed by chapter 1 of the Internal
25 Revenue Code of 1986 for the taxable year in-
26 volved.

27 “(C) ENROLLMENT DURING A PORTION OF THE
28 YEAR.—In the case of an individual who is not enrolled
29 under this part for any calendar year for which the in-
30 dividual’s monthly premium under this section for
31 months during the year would be increased pursuant to
32 subparagraph (A) if the individual were enrolled under
33 this part for the year, the Secretary may take such
34 steps as the Secretary considers appropriate to recover
35 from the individual the total amount by which the indi-
36 vidual’s monthly premium for months during the year
37 would have been increased under subparagraph (A) if

1 the individual were enrolled under this part for the
2 year.

3 “(D) PAYMENTS TO SURVIVING SPOUSE FOR EN-
4 ROLLEES WHO DIE DURING THE YEAR.—In the case of
5 a deceased individual for whom the amount of the
6 monthly premium under this section for months in a
7 year would have been decreased pursuant to subpara-
8 graph (A) if the individual were not deceased, the Sec-
9 retary shall make a payment to the individual’s sur-
10 viving spouse (or, in the case of an individual who does
11 not have a surviving spouse, to the individual’s estate)
12 in an amount equal to the difference between—

13 “(i) the total amount by which the individual’s
14 premium would have been decreased for all months
15 during the year pursuant to subparagraph (A); and

16 “(ii) the amount (if any) by which the individ-
17 ual’s premium was decreased for months during the
18 year pursuant to subparagraph (A).

19 “(4) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME DEFINED.—
20 In this subsection, the term ‘modified adjusted gross in-
21 come’ means adjusted gross income (as defined in section
22 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)—

23 “(A) determined without regard to sections 135,
24 911, 931, and 933 of such Code, and

25 “(B) increased by the amount of interest received
26 or accrued by the taxpayer during the taxable year
27 which is exempt from tax under such Code.

28 “(d) PAYMENT TERMS.—Payment under this section or
29 section 2205(c) to an entity offering a Medicare plan shall be
30 made in a manner determined by the Secretary and based upon
31 the manner in which payments are made to qualified carriers
32 under FEHBP for health benefits plans.

33 “(e) SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT FOR MEDICARE BENE-
34 FICIARIES WITH END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE.—

35 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the
36 amount of payment to an entity offering a Medicare plan
37 for a Medicare beneficiary under subsection (a) shall be in-

1 creased by 20 percent for each Medicare beneficiary who is
2 diagnosed with end-stage renal disease.

3 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a
4 Medicare beneficiary who develops end-stage renal disease
5 while enrolled in a Medicare plan.

6 **“SEC. 2205. SUBSIDIZED PREMIUMS FOR LOW-INCOME**
7 **INDIVIDUALS TO ENROLL IN HIGH OPTION**
8 **MEDICARE PLANS.**

9 “(a) QUALIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY
10 DEFINED.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this part, the
12 term ‘qualified low-income Medicare beneficiary’ means a
13 Medicare beneficiary whose income (as determined for pur-
14 poses of section 1905(p)) does not exceed 200 percent of
15 the official poverty line (referred to in paragraph (2)(A) of
16 such section) applicable to a family of the size involved and
17 who is enrolled in a high option Medicare plan.

18 “(2) ANNUAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION BY
19 STATES.—The Secretary shall establish an arrangement
20 with each State (as defined under section 1861(x) for pur-
21 poses of title XVIII) under which the State provides for the
22 determination of whether a Medicare beneficiary in the
23 State is a qualified low-income Medicare beneficiary. A de-
24 termination that a Medicare beneficiary is a qualified low-
25 income Medicare beneficiary shall remain valid for a period
26 of 12 months but is conditioned upon continuing enroll-
27 ment in a high option Medicare plan.

28 “(b) PAYMENT BY GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF QUALI-
29 FIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.—

30 “(1) AMOUNT.—The amount of payment to an entity
31 offering a Medicare plan for a qualified low-income Medi-
32 care beneficiary who is enrolled in the plan for a year is
33 equal to—

34 “(A) in the case of a plan that is the lowest cost
35 high option plan offered in the State, the full premium
36 for the plan determined or negotiated, as the case may
37 be, by the Secretary under section 2203; and

1 “(B) in the case of a plan that is not the lowest
2 cost high option plan, the full premium for the plan de-
3 scribed in subparagraph (A).

4 If a qualified low-income Medicare beneficiary elects a plan re-
5 ferred to in subparagraph (B), the beneficiary is responsible for
6 payment, in the manner prescribed in subsection (c), of any
7 premium in excess of the amount payable by the Secretary
8 under such subparagraph.

9 “(2) GEOGRAPHIC AND RISK ADJUSTMENT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B),
11 the Secretary shall establish an appropriate method-
12 ology for adjusting the amount paid under paragraph
13 (1) to take into account, in a budget neutral manner,
14 appropriate variations in costs—

15 “(i) based on provision of items and services
16 in different geographic areas; and

17 “(ii) based on differences in the actuarial risk
18 of different enrollees being served.

19 “(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—The provisions of section
20 2204(b)(2)(B) shall apply to establishing adjustors
21 under subparagraph (A) in the same manner as they
22 apply to establishing adjustors under section
23 2204(b)(2)(A), except that the population for which
24 such adjustors is computed and applicable shall be the
25 population of qualified low-income Medicare bene-
26 ficiaries.

27 “(c) COLLECTION OF BENEFICIARY PREMIUM (IF ANY).—
28 The provisions of section 2204 apply to collection of premiums
29 under subsection (b)(1)(B) in the same manner as they apply
30 to collection of premiums under section 2204(b)(2).

31 “(d) CONSTRUCTION RELATIVE TO OTHER BENEFITS.—

32 “(1) NO REQUIREMENT FOR STATE MEDICAID PAY-
33 MENT.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as re-
34 quiring a State, under its plan under title XIX, to pay any
35 part of the additional subsidy provided under this section
36 to qualified low-income Medicare beneficiaries.

1 “(2) NO MEDICAID MATCHING FOR PAYMENT.—Inso-
2 far as this section applies to an individual, notwithstanding
3 any other provision of law, a State plan under title XIX
4 is not required to provide medical assistance with respect
5 to Medicare cost-sharing described in section 1905(p)(3)(A)
6 and Federal financial assistance shall not be available
7 under section 1903 with respect to such medical assistance.

8 “(3) NONDUPLICATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENE-
9 FITS.—In the case of prescription drugs provided to a
10 qualified low-income Medicare beneficiary enrolled in a
11 Medicare plan to the extent the beneficiary is covered
12 under a State-funded prescription drug program, the entity
13 offering the plan may charge or authorize the provider of
14 such services to charge, in accordance with the charges al-
15 lowed under the program—

16 “(A) the State program for payment for the drugs;
17 or

18 “(B) such beneficiary to the extent that the bene-
19 ficiary has been paid under such program for such
20 drugs.

21 **“SEC. 2206. RELATION TO CERTAIN LAWS; TREATMENT**
22 **OF CURRENT PLANS.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Effective January 1, 2008, the fol-
24 lowing provisions of law are modified as follows, in order to re-
25 flect the policies specified in this part:

26 “(1) CHANGE IN PAYMENT RULES.—Payment rates es-
27 tablished under sections 2204 and 2205 shall supersede the
28 payment rates and amounts applicable under parts A, B,
29 C, and D of title XVIII in the case of individuals enrolled
30 in a medicare plan under this title.

31 “(2) ELIMINATION OF ADJUSTED COMMUNITY RATE
32 RULES.—Section 1854(f)(1)(A) (relating to requiring addi-
33 tional benefits) no longer applies in the case of individuals
34 enrolled in a medicare plan under this title.

35 “(3) ELIMINATION OF PREMIUM REGULATIONS.—Sec-
36 tion 1854(e) (relating to regulations of Medicare+ Choice

1 premiums) no longer applies in the case of individuals en-
2 rolled in a medicare plan under this title.

3 “(4) PART B PREMIUM.—No separate premium is pay-
4 able under section 1839 in the case of individuals enrolled
5 in a medicare plan under this title.

6 “(5) MEDICAID PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—Sections
7 1902(a)(10)(E) and 1905(p)(3)(A), insofar as they require
8 the provision of medical assistance for Medicare cost-shar-
9 ing described in section 1905(p)(3)(A) for qualified low-in-
10 come Medicare beneficiaries, no longer apply in the case of
11 individuals enrolled in a medicare plan under this title.

12 “(6) ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTION ON ENROLLMENT
13 UNDER CERTAIN PLANS.—Subparagraph (B) of section
14 1851(a)(3) no longer applies in the case of individuals en-
15 rolled in a medicare plan under this title.

16 The fact that a provision is not cited in this subsection does
17 not indicate that the provision is not modified under this title
18 in some manner consistent with section 2200(a).

19 “(b) RELATION TO STATE LAWS.—Any standard estab-
20 lished under this title or by the Secretary pursuant to this title
21 shall supersede any State law or regulation with respect to
22 Medicare plans which are offered by entities under this title to
23 the extent such law or regulation is inconsistent with such
24 standards.

25 “PART B—MEDICARE TRUST FUND

26 **“SEC. 2211. MEDICARE TRUST FUND.**

27 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Effective January 1, 2008, there
28 is created on the books of the Treasury of the United States
29 a trust fund to be known as the Medicare Trust Fund.

30 “(b) AMOUNTS IN MEDICARE TRUST FUND.—

31 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Medicare Trust Fund shall
32 consist of the following amounts:

33 “(A) Amounts deposited in, or appropriated to,
34 the Medicare Trust Fund as provided in this title.

35 “(B) Any gifts and bequests made to the Medicare
36 Trust Fund as provided in section 201(i)(1).

1 “(2) APPROPRIATION OF HOSPITAL INSURANCE
2 TAXES.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning January 1, 2008,
4 and for each subsequent year, there is appropriated to
5 the Medicare Trust Fund, out of moneys in the Treas-
6 ury not otherwise appropriated, an amount equal to
7 such percent of the taxes described in paragraphs (1)
8 and (2) of section 1817(a) that the Secretary estimates
9 reflects the relative weight that benefits under part A
10 represents of the actuarial value of the total benefits
11 under this title.

12 “(B) TRANSFER.—The amounts appropriated pur-
13 suant to subparagraph (A) shall be transferred from
14 time to time from the general fund in the Treasury to
15 the Medicare Trust Fund. The amount to be trans-
16 ferred under this paragraph shall be determined on the
17 basis of estimates by the Secretary of the Treasury of
18 the taxes, described in such paragraph, paid to or de-
19 posited into the Treasury. The Secretary of the Treas-
20 ury shall make adjustments in amounts subsequently
21 transferred to the extent that prior estimates were in
22 excess of, or were less than, such taxes.

23 “(3) GENERAL REVENUE CONTRIBUTION.—Beginning
24 January 1, 2008, and for each subsequent year, there is
25 appropriated to the Medicare Trust Fund, out of moneys
26 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, from time to
27 time, an amount equal to the amount by which the aggre-
28 gate expenditures under this title (including payments
29 made to Medicare plans under section 2204) exceed the
30 sum of—

31 “(A) the amount appropriated under paragraph
32 (2) for the period involved;

33 “(B) the premiums collected under sections
34 2204(b)(2) and 2205(c) for such period; and

35 “(C) the fees collected under section 2206 for such
36 period.

1 “(4) APPLICATION TO OBLIGATIONS OF, AND
2 AMOUNTS OWED TO, THE PART A AND B TRUST FUNDS.—

3 “(A) CERTIFICATION.—Beginning January 1,
4 2008, the Secretary shall periodically certify to the
5 Board of Trustees of the Medicare Trust Fund any
6 amounts that would otherwise be—

7 “(i) payable from the Federal Hospital Insur-
8 ance Trust Fund or the Federal Supplementary
9 Medical Insurance Trust Fund for items and serv-
10 ices provided prior to such date; or

11 “(ii) due to such trust funds for items and
12 services provided prior to such date.

13 “(B) TRANSFERS AND DEPOSITS.—

14 “(i) TRANSFERS.—If Secretary certifies an
15 amount pursuant to subparagraph (A)(i), the
16 Board of Trustees of the Medicare Trust Fund
17 shall transfer to the Secretary from such trust fund
18 an amount equal to the amount certified.

19 “(ii) DEPOSITS.—If Secretary certifies an
20 amount pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ii), the Sec-
21 retary shall deposit in the Medicare Trust Fund an
22 amount equal to the amount certified.

23 “(c) APPLICATION OF HI TRUST FUND PROVISIONS.—
24 Subject to other provisions of this title, the provisions of sub-
25 sections (b) through (i) of section 1817 shall apply to title
26 XVIII (as modified by this title) and the Medicare Trust Fund
27 in the same manner as they apply to part A of title XVIII and
28 the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, respectively.

29 **“SEC. 2212. PROGRAMMATIC INSOLVENCY AND LIMITA-**
30 **TION ON GENERAL REVENUE FINANCING.**

31 “(a) ANNUAL DETERMINATIONS.—In addition to any
32 other duties, the Board of Trustees of the Medicare Trust
33 Fund (in this section referred to as the ‘Board of Trustees’)
34 shall determine and report to Congress as part of its annual
35 report each year the following:

1 “(1) The percentage of total expenditures from the
2 Medicare Trust Fund that is financed by the general revenue
3 contributions described in section 2211(b)(3).

4 “(2) The first fiscal year (if any) that the Medicare
5 Trust Fund is projected to become programmatically insolvent
6 (as defined in subsection (b)).

7 “(3) The first fiscal year (if any) in which the
8 amounts in the Medicare Trust Fund will be insufficient to
9 pay for the total expenses incurred under title XVIII (as
10 revised by this title).

11 “(4) Recommendations to preclude the program from
12 becoming programmatically insolvent.

13 “(b) PROGRAMMATIC INSOLVENCY DEFINED.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this part, the
15 Medicare Trust Fund shall be deemed to be ‘programmatically
16 insolvent’ for a fiscal year if the amount appropriated to the
17 Medicare Trust Fund under section 2211(b)(3) would exceed 40
18 percent of the amount described in paragraph (2).

19 “(2) NET EXPENDITURES ON BASIC BENEFITS.—The
20 amount described in this paragraph is, as estimated by the
21 Board of Trustees in consultation with the Secretary and
22 the Secretary of the Treasury, the total expenditures from
23 the Medicare Trust Fund in the fiscal year involved, reduced
24 by an amount equal to the administrative expenses of the
25 Secretary for that fiscal year.”.

26
27 **SEC. 102. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.**
28

29 (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SECRETARY OF THE
30 TREASURY.—

31 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (l) of section 6103 of
32 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to confidentiality
33 and disclosure of returns and return information) is amended
34 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
35

1 “(19) DISCLOSURE OF RETURN INFORMATION TO
2 CARRY OUT INCOME-RELATED REDUCTION IN MEDICARE
3 PART B PREMIUM.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may, upon
5 written request from the Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services, disclose to officers and employees of
7 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services return
8 information with respect to a taxpayer who is required
9 to pay a monthly premium under section 1839 of the
10 Social Security Act. Such return information shall be
11 limited to—

12 “(i) taxpayer identity information with respect
13 to such taxpayer,

14 “(ii) the filing status of such taxpayer,

15 “(iii) the adjusted gross income of such tax-
16 payer,

17 “(iv) the amounts excluded from such tax-
18 payer’s gross income under sections 135 and 911,

19 “(v) the interest received or accrued during
20 the taxable year which is exempt from the tax im-
21 posed by chapter 1 to the extent such information
22 is available, and

23 “(vi) the amounts excluded from such tax-
24 payer’s gross income by sections 931 and 933 to
25 the extent such information is available.

26 “(B) RESTRICTION ON USE OF DISCLOSED INFOR-
27 MATION.—Return information disclosed under subpara-
28 graph (A) may be used by officers and employees of the
29 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services only for the
30 purposes of, and to the extent necessary in, establishing
31 the appropriate monthly premium under section 1839
32 of the Social Security Act.”

33 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraphs (3)(A)
34 and (4) of section 6103(p) of such Code are each amended
35 by striking “or (14)” each place it appears and inserting
36 “(14), or (19)”.

37 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by sub-
2 section (a) shall apply to the monthly premium under sec-
3 tion 2204 of the Social Security Act for months beginning
4 with January 2008.

5 (2) INFORMATION FOR PRIOR YEARS.—The Secretary
6 of Health and Human Services may request information
7 under section 6013(l)(15) of the Social Security Act (as
8 added by subsection (c)) for taxable years beginning after
9 December 31, 2007.